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## **Applications Period Now Open for Public Transportation Grants**

**RICHMOND, Va., November 15, 2005**— The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is now accepting applications for public transportation, commuter services and human service transportation grants.

The annual applications period is open from November 15, 2005 through February 1, 2006. Approximately \$134 million in state funding is available through Transportation Trust Fund and Transportation Efficiency Improvement Fund allocations.

FY2007 funding availability is based on official revenue estimates of the Commonwealth, which will be finalized in May 2006.

Complete details on eligibility and application procedures are available online. To apply, or to learn more information about public transportation funding in Virginia, visit [www.drpt.virginia.gov](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov) and click on the OLGA (On-Line Grants Administration) spotlight box.

### **About DRPT**

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) facilitates the movement of people and goods throughout Virginia. DRPT operates through three main areas of activity- rail, public transportation and commuter services- that promote congestion relief, economic development and mobility. We help people and businesses find the smartest distance between two points. Visit us at [www.drpt.virginia.gov](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov).

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